

Preliminary Amendment of U.S. National Stage for International Application PCT/EP2004/008089 filed July 20, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants request that the amendments be entered in the specification. The amendments to the specification are of an editorial nature to insert headings required by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. No new matter has been entered by way of amendment to the specification.

Claims 1-11 have been canceled. New claims 12-30 have been entered in the application. The new claims 12-30 are similar to original claims 1-11 but have been changed to improve the syntax and to place them in a form for easier examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The amended claims are of a scope no narrower than the original claims. Applicants submit that no new matter has been entered by way of amendment to the claims. Applicants submit that the amendments to the claims are not entered to overcome any prior art reference of which Applicants are aware.

Favorable consideration of the claims in their amended form is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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